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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1436

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

(Coauthor: Senator Romero)

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 66020.5 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary educational institutions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1436, as amended, Portantino. Postsecondary educational institutions: meetings: live audio-broadcasts. *transmission*.

Existing law, intended to strengthen existing accountability requirements, requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission, each November 15, to submit a higher education report to the Legislature and the Governor—which that provides information to the citizens of the state on the significant indicators of performance of the public colleges and universities.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary organization, to make available on the Internet a live audio broadcast of each of its meetings that is open to the public provide for live audio transmission of all meetings that are open to the public through a technology that is accessible to as large a segment of the public as possible. This bill would also request

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that the Regents of the University of California *to* comply with these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66020.5 is added to the Education Code, 2 to read:
- 3 66020.5. (a) The Board of Governors of the California 4 Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State
- 5 University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission,
- 6 and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary
- 7 organization established pursuant to Section 69522, shall—make
- 8 available on the Internet a live audio broadcast of each of its
- 9 meetings that is open to the public. Notice of these meetings and
- 10 links to the live audio broadcasts shall be easily accessible via each
- entity's Internet Web site. The Regents of the University of
- 11 Chirty's internet web site. The Regents of the University of
- 12 California are requested to comply with these provisions., and the
- 13 Regents of the University of California are requested to, provide
- 14 for live audio transmission of all meetings that are open to the
- 15 public through a technology that is accessible to as large a segment
- 16 of the public as possible, including, but not necessarily limited to,
- 17 the use of either of the following technologies:
 - (1) Cable, satellite, over-the-air, or any other type of transmission that can be accessed though a television.
 - (2) Web cast, in which case notice of meetings that are open to the public and links to the Web cast shall be easily accessible via each entity's Internet Web site.
- 23 (b) It is not a violation of this section if technical failures prevent 24 an entity from making a live audio broadcast available on the
- 25 Internet providing a live audio transmission so long as the entity
- 26 exercised reasonable diligence in making a live audio broadcast
- 27 transmission available.

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